GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:410
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2007
EMERGENCY LANDING OF AIR INDIA`S FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few flights of Air India made emergency landings in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted on the emergency landings;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to avoid recurrence of such happenings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 410 FOR 03.05.2007 REGARDING EMERGENCY LANDING OF AI FLIGHTS.

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Two Air India aircraft operating flight AI-349 and AI-737 made emergency landings at Delhi on 9th April, 2007. The Airbus (A310) Aircraft VT-EJJ operating flight AI-349 on 9th April, 2007 reported snag of Nose Landing Gear (NLG) down lock indication. After following Flight Crew Operating Manual (FCOM) procedures, crew made an uneventful emergency landing at Delhi. Investigation into this incident is complete and indicates that the Telescopic Drag Strut (TDS) of NLG was defective. This component has since been sent to Vendor's Facility for further investigation. The aircraft was ferried to Mumbai, with DGCA permission, on 25th April, 2007 for accomplishing permanent repair as advised by M/s. Airbus Industrie.

The second aircraft operating flight AI-737 on 9th April, 2007 reported snag of RH Main Landing Gear (MLG) down lock indication. After following FCOM procedures, crew made an uneventful emergency landing at Delhi. The defect of NLG down lock indicator was rectified and the aircraft was put back in service. The incident is under investigation and the recommendations will be complied with as and when the investigation is completed to avoid recurrence of such happenings.

(e): While specific steps to avoid recurrence of such happenings will be taken on receipt of the investigation report, Air India aircraft are maintained to the highest airworthiness standards under the Continued Airworthiness Programme. All the tasks are carried out as required by Original Equipment Manufacturers' (such as Boeing, Airbus, General Electric, Pratt & Whitney etc.) Maintenance Planning Document (MPD) and schedules approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The infrastructure used by Air India is as per recommendations made by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs).